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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PU030291	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/US2004/034270	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 15 October 2004 (15.10.2004)	Priority date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 16 October 2003 (16.10.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant THOMSON LICENSING			

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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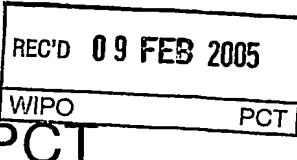
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## WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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International application No. PCT/US2004/034270	International filing date (day/month/year) 15.10.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 16.10.2003	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC H04N9/31			
Applicant THOMSON LICENSING S.A.			

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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**Box No. I Basis of the opinion**

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material:  
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or  
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-18
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-18
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-18

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

**Re Item V.**

**1** The following documents are referred to in this communication:

D1: US 2002/008812 A1 (CONNER ARLIE R ET AL) 24 January 2002 (2002-01-24)  
D2: EP-A-0 733 928 (HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY) 25 September 1996 (1996-09-25)  
D3: WO 03/075083 A (KONINKLIJKE PHILIPS ELECTRONICS N.V; HIKSPOORS, HENRICUS, M., J; SMITS) 12 September 2003 (2003-09-12)

**2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1**

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3)PCT.

Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art to the subject matter of claim 1, discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

*A projection system, comprising: an imager for modulating the matrix of monochromatic pixels of light; and a light shifting device for shifting the matrix of monochromatic pixels of light to temporally form a pattern of overlying monochromatic pixels of light of different colors, viewable as a color image.*

The subject-matter of independent claim 1 differs from the disclosure of D1 in that it discloses:

*an integrator with an output end; a matrix of output windows at the output end of the integrator; a pattern of red, green and blue monochromatic filters on the matrix of output windows passing a matrix of red, green, and blue monochromatic pixels of light;*

The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as: how to provide a way of supplying a matrix of red, green, and blue monochromatic pixels of

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light. The solution proposed in claim 1 of the present application cannot be considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons:

Document D1 states that the problem of supplying a matrix of pixels of light can be solved by a variety of means (par. 61), and also gives a few examples. The skilled person would therefore consider any available means for supplying a matrix of red, green, and blue monochromatic pixels of light. Document D2 discloses:

*an integrator with an output end; a matrix of output windows at the output end of the integrator; a pattern of red, green and blue monochromatic filters on the matrix of output windows passing a matrix of red, green, and blue monochromatic pixels of light;*

Therefore the features disclosed in D1 and D2 would be combined by the skilled person, without exercise of any inventive skills in order to solve the problem posed. The proposed solution in independent claim 1 thus cannot be considered inventive (Article 33(3) PCT).

The applicant is drawn to the fact that the same argumentation holds for the combination of D1 and D3.

**INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 11,15**

The independent claims 11,15 relate to the same subject matter as claim 1 and are not inventive following the same reasoning as above.

**DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-10, 12-14, 16-18**

Dependent claims 2-10, 12-14, 16-18 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).